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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2007. A response was due on September 5, 2007. Applicant requests a three-month extension of time until December 5, 2007; thus this response is being timely filed. Please enter the following amendment and remarks:

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